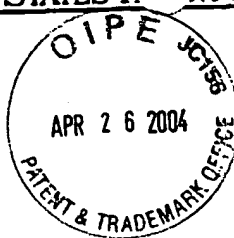




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DECISION ON PETITION

For: COMPUTER IMPLEMENTED METHOD FOR COANTROLLING DOCUMENT EDITS

This is a decision on the petition received by fax on February 11, 2004, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed December 19, 2001. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned February 20, 2002. A notice of abandonment was mailed on January 22, 2004.

On February 11, 2004, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgment that the attorney responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts by fax on March 19, 2002, with two months of extension.

The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts on March 19, 2002. The application went abandoned for failure to respond to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed on May 9, 2002.

On May 9, 2002, the office sent out a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers to correct the drawing in the above application. Counsel is given two month from the date of this Petition to respond to the notice.

The office regrets an inconvenience this may have caused counsel.

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